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Mr. Andrew E. Ruddock, Director
Bureau of Retirement and Insurance
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C. 20415

Dear Mr. Ruddock:

This letter sets forth proposed changes in premium rates which we desire to make in our Association Benefit Plan for the coming contract year and confirms our previous request for changes in benefits.

We reported in our letter of 23 June 1966 a series of benefit changes which our Board of Directors was considering. The final decision could not be made at that time since we were still waiting for information from the underwriter on the extent of an experience rate increase.

At its meeting on 10 August 1966, our Board of Directors authorized me to request the benefit changes discussed in our earlier letter. For your convenience, these changes are set forth below:

a. Elimination of Low Option

b. The following changes in the area of mental illness:

(1) To treat attempted suicide associated with a mental illness as any other accident or sickness while hospital confined and as a mental or nervous condition if not hospital confined.

(2) To pay out of hospital drugs for mental and nervous conditions at 80% rather than the present 50%.

(3) To consider alcoholism and drug addiction associated with a mental illness as a covered expense.

c. Increase in the daily room and board benefit from $25 per day to $30 per day.

We have been informed by our underwriter that the total charge for these new benefits is an additional 63¢ monthly for the single plan and an additional

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$1.63 monthly for the family plan. In addition, our Board has accepted the underwriter's recommendation for a 10% experience increase. Thus, the total of new benefits and the underwriter's premium increase would raise our monthly brochure rate to $8.56 for the single plan ($8.23 net to the underwriter) and to $23.77 for the family plan ($22.85 net to the underwriter).

Please note that the Association is not requesting approval for any increase at the present time in its administrative expense allowance.

We have always been proud of the coverage afforded to our members by our hospitalization plan and feel that the benefits specified above will improve this coverage even more. We strongly request, therefore, that these benefits and increases be approved.

We are available for discussion of the contents of this letter as you may wish.

Very truly yours,

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President

cc: Mr. Joseph E. Jones
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